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A JET RESEARCH AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY THE US NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS EXPLODED AND CRASHED NEAR SEMBACH GERMANY. This manning the pilot is missing and believed killed. The Aircraft is a new type developed by lockheed aircraft corporation for research on clear air turbulence convective clouds wind shear and jet stream at altitudes of 50 to 55 thousand feet. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined. There has been no report of property damage. Therefore of methods and fell dentification of pilot hing withheld purdue notification of methods. To headquarters 25X1A

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